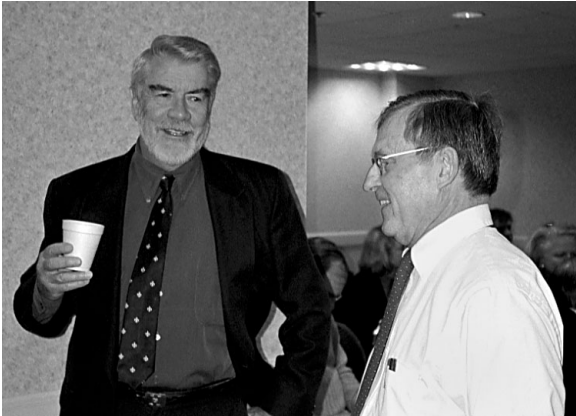


In Memory of Campbell Bridges

Some of you may remember world-renowned gem expert and geologist Campbell Bridges who was a speaker at one of our Alumni Meetings a while ago.

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Campbell was brutally murdered by a mob in Kenya on August 11 th 2009. His son Bruce and two of his assistants received serious injuries but are doing well. They were ambushed by a group of spear, knife and club wielding individuals, who's death-threats had preceded the attack.

Prior to the attack the local police force had refused to provide protection for Campbell and his group, and supposedly the names of the attackers are know to the victims, and to the police.

Campbell was one of the directors of International Colored Gemstone Association and was the key member of it's Ethical Trade Practices and Social Responsibility Committee. He was the discoverer of the brilliant green garnet, Tsavorite, named for the Tsavo National Park and initially marketed by Tiffany and Co.. His company, Tsavorite USA, provides gems directly from his mines to the gemstone industry. Campbell was involved in the gem business for most of his life and started mining when he was only 6 years old. He was a lecturer and dedicated conservationist who valued the environment and people, above all else. His level of intelligence was amazing, and there was no topic which he did not approach with insight and knowledge, far beyond the ordinary. He treasured his adventure-filled life and "fear" was not in his vocabulary, and he was known to sleep in a tree-house near one of his mines to avoid getting surprised by packs of lions. Campbell shared his knowledge and experiences openly and his enthusiasm for colored gems and his love of Kenya were obvious to all who knew him.

Campbell, who was born in Scotland, and his wife Judith, who is American, resided in the Washington DC area for several years, but Campbell who grew up in Kenya always considered Kenya his home. Beside his son Bruce he also has a daughter who currently is a student at the University of Chicago. A public funeral service was held Friday the 21st of August in Nairobi.



"Tsavorite USA"

It is with real sorrow that I write this since Campbell Brides was not only “a king among gem-experts”, as some have called him, but he was also a personal, treasured friend and someone who enriched my life with his ideas, and his vision. Campbell...we miss you!

Denise Nelson